

Prospect of Barry indictment looms

By Mike Folks and John Smith
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Mayor Marion Barry could be indicted on perjury and obstruction of justice charges in connection with the Ramada Inn Central drug probe, law enforcement sources told The Washington Times yesterday.

The sources, who asked not to be named, said detectives with the FBI and the Metropolitan Police Department's Internal Affairs Division's Public Integrity Branch believe their investigations have found enough evidence to sway a grand

jury to indict Mr. Barry on as many as two counts of perjury and one count of obstruction of justice.

In order for a perjury indictment to be handed down, prosecutors need at least one other person to corroborate convicted cocaine dealer Charles Lewis' allegations that he obtained and smoked cocaine with the mayor. One law enforcement source told The Times yesterday that investigators have talked to at least two witnesses who confirm Lewis' charges.

Ultimately, the decision to indict rests with prosecutors and the grand

jury that reviews evidence gathered by investigators. U.S. Attorney Jay B. Stephens yesterday refused to comment on the possibility of the mayor being indicted.

Meanwhile, Mr. Barry, through a spokeswoman, yesterday lashed out at federal officials, accusing them of character assassination. She also suggested they may have coerced Lewis into alleging the mayor used crack with him.

The tersely worded statement, issued by Mr. Barry's Staff Director Maudine Cooper, followed reports that federal investigators had inter-

rogated Lewis last month as part of a possible plea agreement.

Lewis is scheduled to go on trial in two weeks for perjury and cocaine distribution and possession in connection with the Ramada Inn incident.

Lewis, a Virgin Islands native, was convicted April 25 in U.S. District Court in St. Thomas on two counts of cocaine distribution and two counts of crack cocaine possession with intent to distribute. The conviction followed his March 3 arrest by undercover FBI agents, to whom Lewis sold the drugs.

A former D.C. personnel department staffer, Lewis is said to have told investigators he purchased crack cocaine and smoked the drug with the mayor at the Ramada Inn in December, and while in the Virgin Islands in March, according to sources.

"Through leaks to the press and other sources, federal authorities have done what they set out to do: to get headlines and to assassinate my character," said Ms. Cooper, quoting the mayor. "They have attempted to do through the press what is not possible in a court of law."

"What we witnessed in the last 24 hours is the most blatant incidence of leaks of governmental investigation. This is lawlessness by the government," Mr. Barry's statement said.

Late yesterday, Mr. Stephens issued a written statement announcing that he has asked the Department of Justice to conduct an

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THE GOBIE STORY

Frank's 'call boy' tells all

By George Archibald
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THE WASHINGTON TIMES

Stephen L. Gobie wanted a sugar daddy, but Barney Frank turned out to be "Sweet 'n Low" instead — "a sweet guy, low on cash."

That's what he called his congressional sex partner, Gobie said in exclusive interviews with The Washington Times.



"In this business, the term 'sugar daddy' is popular for a person that supports you and sponsors you financially as well as otherwise," the prostitute said. "In this case, I had a nickname for Barney — it was 'Sweet 'n Low' — sweet guy, low on cash, that's what the moniker stood for. And I told him that. And he said, 'Hey, I'm only a congressman, I don't make a million dollars a year.'"

Gobie called "preposterous" the Massachusetts Democrat's claim that he was the male hustler's

Henry Higgins, intent on helping him straighten out his life while paying him about \$20,000 a year to be Mr. Frank's housekeeper and driver.

"The true story is there were no such compensations anywhere near that level of money. I would say the total dollar value that came to me from the beginning of the relationship [was] maybe less than \$2,500," Gobie said.

Gobie insisted again as he has in previous interviews that he used the congressman's apartment as a base for a prostitution service — with Mr. Frank's knowledge.

One of his clients was Washington power broker and former Japanese lobbyist Craig J. Spence, who has been linked to the homosexual prostitution ring being investigated by federal authorities.

Gobie also said he would willingly appear before the House ethics com-

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Investigation and cleanup begin after a Route 198 bridge under construction near Laurel fell onto the Baltimore-Washington Parkway yesterday morning.

Workers on bridge 'felt a little jolt'

By Chele Caughron
THE WASHINGTON TIMES

When the bridge fell out from under David Klein yesterday, he just tumbled with it.

"I was just wondering if I was going to be alive when it stopped at the bottom," he said.

For Mr. Klein, the drop was about nine feet, but many of his co-workers plummeted as far as 14 feet, he said. His father, Elmer, who also works on the bridge, saw him go down and then flip.

"My first thoughts were, 'Am I all

right?'" he said. Then his fears were for his co-workers, one of whom suffered a dislocated shoulder. Others had cuts, bruises, aches and pains.

"I was lucky," Mr. Klein said. "I think me and the other guy who grabbed the bucket are the only ones who didn't get a scratch."

Mr. Klein, 25, of Hanover, called his mother, Alice, so she wouldn't hear about the mishap on the news.

"At first, she didn't believe me because we kid her a whole lot," he said.

Mr. Klein described yesterday's bridge collapse as "an experience you would never want to go through.

You don't know what's going to happen. You don't know whether your life's coming to an end." He said he was still shaken yesterday afternoon and thought it would take some time to calm him down.

"We don't know what caused the fall. We're still trying to figure it out," he said. "Everybody on the bridge felt a little jolt. I couldn't believe it. All of a sudden the bridge deck was falling out from under me."

Mr. Klein, a form carpenter for the J.P. Smith Co., has worked at the site for eight months. The bridge, he said, was supposed to be finished in

August, but the contractors were given an extension to September.

He was disappointed that completion will be delayed.

"This is the first bridge I ever worked on from scratch, and now I probably won't see it completed for a long time," he said. "They say there's no two bridges the same really."

Mr. Klein said he's ready to go back to the job.

"Hopefully nothing like this will happen again," he said. "I'm just happy to be alive."

Sex scandal investigators set meetings with parents

By Arlo Wagner
THE WASHINGTON TIMES

Parents of children attending a Montgomery County elementary school immersed in the call-boy scandal will get a chance today and next week to put school officials on the firing line in connection with the explosive case.

County school authorities have set aside Thursday for the questions, but overly anxious parents may force discussion of the incident at an open house at the Chevy Chase Elementary School today.

Last Friday, The Washington Times disclosed the school's principal, Gabriel A. Massaro, 48, had al-

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Bakker breaks down

Jim Bakker is escorted by U.S. marshals. The judge in his fraud trial ordered psychiatric tests after the evangelist's hallucinations. Story, A3.

Heroin-crack mix headed for schools

By Jay Mallin
THE WASHINGTON TIMES

Local drug dealers are planning to introduce a deadly, smokable mixture of crack cocaine and heroin next week to coincide with the opening of area schools, a substance-abuse expert at D.C. General Hospital said yesterday.

The product, so new that it does not have an established name, may turn a whole generation of District youths into heroin addicts, said Dr. Walter Faggett, director of substance-abuse services at the hospital. Names that have been used elsewhere include "speedball," from an older term for heroin, and "parachute," for the soft landing that heroin provides after crack's brief high.

Dr. Faggett said he learned of the planned introduction by talking to several drug dealers, including a 45-year-old heroin dealer who recently

entered drug treatment. Dr. Faggett said the dealer pleaded with him to do something because he feared for the well-being of his 8-year-old son.

"It's been test-marketed [by local dealers], and the marketing strategy apparently is to release it when school opens because that is the target population," Dr. Faggett said after testifying before a Senate Judiciary Committee hearing on illegal drugs.

The appearance of the drug in the Washington area "easily could be the worst news since the emergence of crack cocaine," Dr. Faggett said, referring to the time when crack replaced PCP (phencyclidine) as the drug of choice in the District.

At the same time, a spokesman for the Metropolitan Police Department said yesterday that police narcotics experts told him they know addicts

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12 killed in Medellin by bomb, despite curfew

By James M. Dorsey
THE WASHINGTON TIMES

MEDELLIN, Colombia — A powerful explosion yesterday ripped through a main avenue in this frightened home of Colombia's drug lords, killing at least a dozen people.

In Washington, a Pentagon spokesman said the first shipment of military equipment from the \$65

million in U.S. aid promised by President Bush will begin to arrive in Colombia on Sunday. Between 50 and 100 American advisers also will go to Colombia, but the Pentagon again emphasized that they will not serve in a combat role.

The midmorning explosion in Medellin dashed local hopes that a 10 p.m.-6 a.m. curfew imposed Wednesday would reduce the city's murder

rate, which makes Washington's pale by comparison.

Police said a bomb strapped to a bicycle blew a hole in the wall of a paint factory, destroying a nearby car dealership and 30 vehicles and ripping a 12-foot crater in the street.

More than 500 people were arrested for violating the curfew in Medellin, the country's second-largest city, imposed after a week-

long string of bombings against the offices of political parties, homes of local politicians, banks and liquor stores.

As a result of the curfew, Medellin witnessed its first night in many

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the bridge was damaged by the falling debris.

Construction workers began to pour a concrete deck onto bridge forms about 2 a.m. When the bridge buckled in the middle, about 120 cubic yards had been poured two-thirds of the way across the overpass.

Nearly a dozen construction workers were on the deck when it tumbled to the parkway. Several returned to the scene yesterday afternoon after treatment at area hospitals.

The driver of the Chevy, Kimberly S. Andersen, 30, of Prince George's County, was in critical but stable condition last night at the University of Maryland Shock Trauma Unit in Baltimore. She suffered multiple trauma, a head injury, fractures and cuts to her face, hands and arms, hospital spokesman Andy Trohanis said.

The driver of the Pontiac, Ernest Izzard, 52, of Baltimore, suffered lacerations to his shoulder and abrasions. He was treated and released from Shock Trauma, Mr. Trohanis said. His three passengers — Roderick Farmer, 29, Woodrow Brown, 52, and Thomas Rogers, 53, all of Baltimore — were treated and released from Prince George's Hospital Center, spokeswoman Sondra Bradford said.

The Pontiac's roof was ripped off over the front seat, the driver's side door was severed, and the front windshield was rolled up like crinkled cellophane.

In all, nine construction workers were injured.

Robert Lohr, 44, of Gambrills, Md., was in stable condition at the Greater Laurel Beltsville Hospital



Workers attempt to cut through debris from collapse of bridge over the Baltimore-Washington Parkway yesterday which injured 14. Construction worker David Klein (right) fell but was not injured.

with a dislocated right shoulder and an undisclosed fracture, hospital spokeswoman Darci Nelson said.

Eight other injured construction workers were treated and discharged from Greater Laurel Beltsville Hospital, Ms. Nelson said. She identified the workers as: Norris Palmer, 24, of Glen Burnie; Robert Larmon, 34, of King George, Va.; Leander Beamon, 60, of Harwood, Md.; and Charles Booe, 54, George

Hartleroad, 57, Ike Irby, 59, Charles Stubbs, 55, and Jorge Mitchell, 34, all of Baltimore.

The Federal Highway Administration brought investigators and two bridge inspectors to the scene yesterday afternoon. It also hired an independent consultant to determine the cause of the collapse.

Several incidents could have led to the collapse of the bridge, authorities said. For example, something

could have struck one of the supports just before the collapse, or it could have been struck sometime earlier and weakened with the damage going unnoticed.

"There is no apparent reason," Mr. McCormick said.

Mr. McCormick said an inspector was watching the concrete being poured when the bridge fell. He said the supports for the molds into which the concrete was being

poured had been inspected and approved in early July.

"There was apparently no prelude, no early signs at all," Mr. McCormick said. "Everything looked perfectly in order."

"[The inspector] has indicated he heard a 'clank' sort of noise and some vibration about 10 seconds before," Mr. McCormick said.

The collapse took authorities by surprise yesterday.

"It's the first in my career that we've had responsibility for," said Tom Edick of the Federal Highway Administration. He has been in the field for 30 years.

Mr. McCormick called the site sobering.

"Obviously, it's an accident," he said. But, "While it's an accident, there is a cause."

• Matt Neufeld contributed to this report.

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months in which the nightly murder rate dropped from an average of 17 to zero.

Among those arrested yesterday were 27 Cubans carrying false Costa Rican passports, local sources said. They were caught during a raid on a drug trafficker's ranch near Medellin. The Cubans were transported yesterday to the Bogota headquarters of the Department of Security, Colombia's federal investigative service, where they were being held on charges of entering the country with false documents, a government spokeswoman said.

Two hours before Wednesday's 10 p.m. curfew, unidentified assailants hurled three grenades at a posh country club frequented by businessmen and industrialists, authorities said. No one was hurt in the incident.

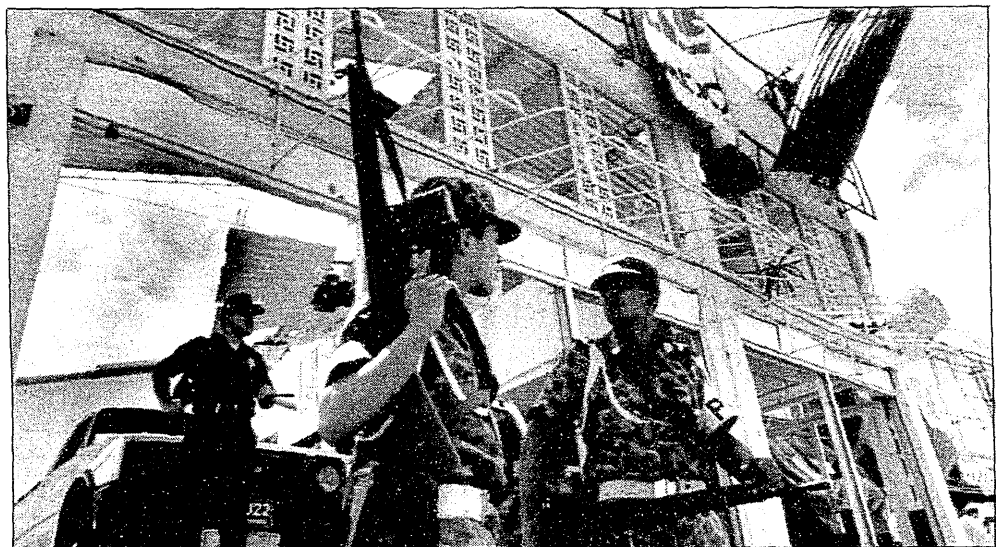
A massacre was averted the same day when rockets aimed at oil storage tanks missed their target in Medellin's crowded lower-class El Poblado neighborhood.

Some 4,000 policemen, backed by 18 light tanks and helicopters, are attempting to help the government enforce law and order in Medellin, home of Colombia's strongest cocaine cartel.

Police have blamed Colombia's multibillion-dollar drug syndicates, believed to be responsible for 80 percent of the cocaine reaching U.S. streets, for some 18 bombs in the city. But local sources said it was not clear that narcotics traffickers were the sole perpetrators.

"Lots of people are trying to profit from the crisis," said Silvio Mejia, a liberal member of the Colombian Parliament. "Some of the explosions may be the work of left-wing guerrillas."

Mr. Mejia said that one of the banks attacked last weekend has



Infantrymen guard a Colombian car dealership near where a bomb exploded yesterday, killing at least 12 persons.

been a left-wing target in the past.

Interior Minister Orlando Vasquez Velasquez yesterday warned that spiraling violence could prompt the government to impose curfews in other Colombian cities.

Some Colombians cautioned that left-wing exploitation of the situation resulting from President Virgilio Barco's Aug. 18 crackdown on the drug lords puts additional pressure on Colombia's armed forces, locked in a struggle with Marxist guerrillas.

The Marxist National Liberation Army (ELN) is believed to be responsible for Tuesday's kidnapping of a senior Energy and Mines Ministry official, Gustavo Adolfo Romero, who is in charge of government sales of cooking oil to poor Bogota neighborhoods, a police spokesman said.

The ELN may have kidnapped Mr.

Romero to emphasize its demand that the government expel some 55 oil companies from the country, the spokesman said.

Elsewhere in Colombia six ELN guerrillas were killed in a clash with the armed forces, the military said.

Medellin, however, remains the focus of the "total war" declared last week on the government, the judiciary, businessmen, journalists and others as a result of the Barco crackdown. Mr. Barco ordered the assault after the Aug. 18 assassination of a leading presidential hopeful who had vowed to crush the drug trade.

Sources predicted that the violence would spread once Eduardo Martinez Romero, the suspected money launderer for the Medellin cartel, has been extradited to the United States.

Yesterday, police announced the arrest in Cartagena, on the Caribbean coast of Roberto Victor Arico, 38, who is wanted in the United States on drug charges.

Officially Mr. Martinez has been given until Tuesday to appeal the government's decision to extradite him.

Mr. Martinez would be the first suspected drug trafficker to be extradited under Mr. Barco's Aug. 18 state-of-siege decrees. His decrees reinstated an extradition treaty the Colombian Supreme Court struck down in October 1987.

In addition to threats against officials, journalists and industrialists, the drug traffickers have threatened to kill 10 judges for every extradition to the United States. Americans have been threatened as well, and the U.S. Embassy has beefed up security.

Local journalists said that Dario Arismendi Posado, the director of El Mundo, Medellin's second-largest newspaper and known for its ties to Mr. Barco, had left the country, fearing retaliation from the drug lords.

In Itagui, a municipality attached to Medellin, 12 judges were threatened with death by the drug traffickers on Wednesday, sources said. Two days earlier, police found a bomb outside the home of Mayor Mario de Escobar Paez.

"This is a beautiful city, but it's in real trouble. The bombs cause a lot of tension. . . . The narcos have given the city a lot, but we must admit that they hurt the youth of the world," said a local resident. "Things are horrible. This is like Beirut. The only solution is to blow things apart."

"There's a political and social contradiction here," added a young journalist. "Politically, people don't want a compromise, but socially — we went to school with their kids, we

frequent the same discos."

"In wars there are only victors and vanquished," said a local art dealer. "The government has to win. The alternative is unthinkable."

For the government to win, it must succeed in Medellin, where Mayor Juan Gomez Martinez has repeatedly called for a dialogue with the drug traffickers. Similar calls in recent days by the drug traffickers themselves have been rejected by the government.

"The mayor is in a difficult position," said a local resident. "There's a lot of discussion about the concept of a dialogue. Many people here are against it."

The government has yet to capture any of the syndicates' kingpins, but authorities said they have discovered a downtown Bogota office that administered the empire of drug baron Jose Gonzalo Rodriguez Gacha, better known as "The Mexican." Documents showed that Mr. Gacha owned a real estate network with some 65 legally registered companies and Bogota's leading soccer team.

The government deadline to reclaim the more than \$200 million confiscated from the drug lords expires this weekend without anybody as yet having come forward, well-placed sources said. Under the presidential decree, owners can reclaim their property if they can prove that it was not purchased with the proceeds of drug sales.

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lowed male prostitute Stephen L. Gobie to use school phones to arrange sessions with clients. Mr. Gobie has been linked closely to Rep. Barney Frank, Massachusetts Democrat.

Once the disclosure was made, Mr. Massaro quickly was placed on administrative leave with pay pending a probe by the county school system. Mr. Massaro remained in seclusion yesterday and was unavailable for comment.

Many observers had predicted an outpouring of anger from parents living in the fashionable community around Chevy Chase Elementary, which is one block north of the Chevy Chase Country Club.

But the reaction so far has been tepid, with many parents and school personnel alike expressing confidence that children were not adversely affected.

"I'm hearing more about it from people in the rest of the county," said a Chevy Chase resident who asked not to be named. "It seems to be fairly calm here. People are concerned about it, and they feel bad about it, but they have not heard that there have been problems with kids. I think the fact that the school system responded so speedily to it has helped a great deal."

Added a school official, "He [Mr. Massaro] has a lot of friends in the school system, and a lot of people feel badly for him. Everyone is amazed at the apparent poor judg-

ment he showed."

The temperate mood could change, of course, once parents come face to face with county officials today and Thursday.

Officials have said the school-system probe focuses on three areas of possible wrongdoing: neglect of duty by Mr. Massaro, misuse of public facilities, and immoral involvement by county employees. The probe is being carried out by James L. Shinn, director of personnel services for county schools.

Mr. Massaro could be reinstated, reassigned, suspended or discharged — depending on the outcome of the investigation — but likely would not return to Chevy Chase Elementary, even if reinstated.

Mr. Massaro has said he allowed Gobie to use a guidance counselor's office and telephone during two months late in 1987, his first year as principal at Chevy Chase Elementary. But Mr. Massaro has denied vehemently that he was aware of any prostitution operations going on at the school.

Gobie has said he used the phone to make prostitution appointments and that on at least one occasion engaged in a sex act with a 45-year-old man in a school counselor's office. He did not identify the customer.

On Thursday, at the official question-and-answer session for parents at the school, Robert Shekletski and Pat Abrunzo will attempt to respond to parental concerns. Mr. Shekletski is an associate superintendent for county schools, and Mr. Abrunzo, a 26-year veteran administrator, has been named acting principal of the Chevy Chase school dur-

ing the Massaro probe.

But the two won't provide details of the investigation, school-system spokesman Bob Grossman said. They will only address policies that cover such situations.

Mr. Grossman said Gobie was interviewed Monday. Others scheduled to be questioned include current and former school employees, teachers and other school personnel with possible knowledge about Gobie's use of the school facilities.

Mr. Grossman would not predict when the investigation will be completed but said Mr. Shinn is working rapidly and devoting most of each day to the probe.

Once completed, Mr. Shinn's report will be presented to county school Superintendent Harry Pitt.

Mr. Massaro, a member of the Montgomery County school system since 1978, was a principal at the Burning Tree Elementary School until 1986 and then took a year's leave of absence, arranging conferences for the American Association of School Administrators.

In the fall of 1987, he returned to the county, taking over as principal of the Chevy Chase Elementary School. The Gobie incident occurred late that year.

Mr. Massaro, described by friends and associates as a personable, knowledgeable administrator who works well with other people, has a bachelor's degree in English and American history from Trenton State College in New Jersey, a master's and a doctorate from Columbia University and has worked in school systems in Norwood, N.J.; Mahwah, N.J.; Cranford, N.J.; Paramus, N.J.; and Greenlawn, N.Y.

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